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TO : Chief, COAPS

FROM : Assistant Director, OSI

SUBJECT: Comment on Draft Reply to JIC Letter of 17 April 1950

REFERENCE: Memo from Ch., COAPS to AD/ORE and AD/OSI (ER-1-139) dated 26 April 1950

DATE: 2 May 1950

1. Reference requests comments on a draft of the reply to Joint Intelligence Committee letter of 17 April 1950, and further asks for any available background information which might indicate the reasons for transmittal of the letter to the Chairman, Intelligence Advisory Committee.

2. OSI has reviewed the draft reply and considers that it is adequate for its purpose. We suggest the possibility of adding a new paragraph 2 and changing present paragraph 2 to paragraph 3, as follows:

"2. If there are any specific examples of departures by CIA intelligence producing offices from the procedures outlined above, it is suggested that they be discussed directly by appropriate representatives of the JIC and the CIA."

3. Informal probing of the JIC and a study of recent national intelligence estimates indicate that the letter was prompted by ORE 91-49. The procedures followed in the production of this report and its dissemination with the dissents in the back rather than the front could have led to points a, b and c of the JIC letter. Since the report did contain information from a JAEIC report, this might have prompted point d. There is more behind the reference to JAEIC in point d, however, than ORE 91-49.

4. It is possible that the JIC has other items in mind, but we believe ORE 19-49 precipitated the letter.

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